WHAT KIND OF A MINISTER SHOULD A GOOD MINISTER BE?

I have heard it said that a good minister should be a good mixer that he should be vitally interested in young folks, that he should be an untiring shepherd of the flock, that he should be an organizer, a financier, a scholar, a singer, a fluent speaker, that he should dress well, drive a respectable car, keep open house for the parishioners, have dignity, wear an expression of sunshine, command respect of everybody, have business ability, be popular with the fraternities, and maintain himself and family on Six Hundred Dollars a year.

Following I give excerpts from a letter sent to a Bishop. Dear Bishop—Our present pastor is a good man, but we need a change. Send us a young man who can convert our church members, save the sinners, enthuse our young folk, and gather new members into our church, increase our finances, popularize our services, spiritualize our prayer meeting, and draw men to our services. We want him to be a man of grace of person, sweetness of disposition, gentleness of speech, politically inactive, and pre-eminent of preaching ability. He should have a gentle, gracious, hard-working helpmeet, without children, one who will assist and not try to run the Church. We have no parsonage, our Church is weak, but we do hope you can find us the kind of a man we want. The Committee.

So, now. What kind of a minister should a good minister be?

My answer is, a minister should be God’s man, God’s mouth-piece. God’s ambassador, God’s representative in this troubled world. One great passion should dominate his life, that is, to live over again the Master’s life, to tell the story again and again of Jesus and His love for a fallen world. A preacher should be deadly in earnest, he should get his orders from the quiet place, he must exalt his Master anywhere, everywhere.

The trail he leaves must be a trail of good works, of influence for good, of advancement for the Kingdom. It’s not enough for a minister to be known as a good man, all men should be good, but a minister should be uncompromising in the great needs of humanity and in the stern laws of God, he should be a crusader for righteousness on the earth.

A minister should be clean, not given to tobacco in any form, to chew is filthy, to smoke is objectionable and prohibited in places, set a good example. Clean again, in talk, in deportment. A minister should be honest, pay his debts, meet his obligations as an honorable man should, he should not ask for favors, discounts any special considerations because he is a preacher, that cheapens the cloth, be a man.

My preacher friend, your job is not an easy one, your task is not lunches, teas, after dinner jokes, social, home visits, story books, and nice clothes. No, No. Your lot is sweat, solicitude, prayer, hope, and other people’s burdens. hard work, a helping hand, sympathy, study; your heart and soul in your sermon, up early, out late, work
always piled up before you. You are a minister of the Most High. you are a servant and friend of all mankind.

GEO. M. HULME

BIBLE STUDY LESSON
FEBRUARY 9


The Lord Jesus taught men how to deal with all the ordinary problems of life, our bodies, our time, our friends and our possessions. This lesson deals with the Christian’s attitude toward money and possessions.

All things belong to God. Man has never been able to create anything except with the materials God already has incorporated into this world. Strive and struggle though he may, the possessions he accrues do not belong to him and he cannot take them on with him to another life.

The second after I die I can no longer write a check. Money is useless to me. But if I have alleviated some suffering or aided some church, or messenger, or servant of Christ, I am assured that treasure will be laid up for me in heaven, which treasure is very real and eternally secure.

Like the rich man and Lazarus the beggar, we too must die. The rich man had a life of luxury in this world, but when he died was in torment. Why? Because of crimes he had committed. No—simply because, like millions of other people, he had drowned himself in the self satisfaction of his own possessions and had eliminated God from his life.

God IS—and we must take him into consideration NOW if we...
are to have any hope of eternal happiness.

Hazel Wheeler

TEXT—SERMON

I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20.

In sermonizing on this verse, particularly the first part it it, our minister pointed out the difference in the man Paul— or any other man, before and after spiritual birth. Before the great change in his life Paul took orders from earthly rulers in Jerusalem, but after the experience on the Damascus Road, while he still went about the business of living in this world, there was in a spiritual sense a crucifixion of the old life and the old motives. The old masters were dead or thrown out and in their place orders were or are received from High Heaven. The Lord Jesus lives within.

So, Rev. Hulme inquired, "How can one deliberately sin if Christ always is within?" "How can one be defeated if Christ always is within?" How can one be sad if Jesus is in our heart?—Or sick.

For Sale: Baled hay and straw, sixty cents per hundred. A. B. Cox, North River Road, Munroe Falls. (Adv.)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions to the Community Church News are still coming in, for which we thank those who are kind enough to remember us in that way.

As a suggestion to those who have not paid but expect to do so, why not send in the name of a friend or two or twenty, to whom the paper could be mailed. This will help us in two ways; first, there will be a new subscriber, and second, the price of a subscription for one or more years will aid in meeting the cost of publication.

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OLD TOWN HALL SOLD

For the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars the Stow Church of Christ purchased the old town hall last Saturday afternoon at public auction. The purchase of this building by the Stow Church of Christ will insure its continued use for the better interests of Stow people.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS TO MEET

Sunday evening, Feb. 9th, 6:30 P. M. members of the Men's Bible Class and other men from the church meet in the church basement for their usual monthly fellowship meeting. If you are a man, and have not attended one of these meetings try and be there this next Sunday evening. You will probably enjoy listening to the good clean wholesome discussions.

The Lord is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

Mrs. Roe's Group To Entertain Themselves—For A Consideration

Friday evening, Feb. 14th, St. Valentine's Day, Mrs. Roe's group of the Ladies Class will gather in the church d'ning room at 6:00 P. M. where they will have a covered dish dinner for their

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**1,IVE FOR SOMETHING**

Thousands of men breathe, move and lives pass off the stage of life and are heard of no more. Why? They did not a particle of good in the world, and none were blest by them; none could point to them as the instrument of their redemption; not a line they wrote, not a word they spoke, could be recalled, and so they perished — their light went out in darkness, and they were not remembered more than the insects of yesterday. Will you thus live and die, O man immortal? Live for something! Do good, and leave behind you a monument of virtue that the storm of time can never destroy. Write your name by kindness, love and mercy, on the hearts of thousands with whom you come in contact, year by year and you will never be forgotten. No; your name, your deeds will be as legible on the heart you leave behind as the stars on the brow of evening. Good deeds will shine as bright on the earth as the stars of heaven.—Chalmers.

**Selected**

Corsages $1.00 and up at Silver Lake Florists.—(Adv.)

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Prov. 14:12.
THE BOARD OF ABSENTEES

We are the Board of Absentees;
We attend our church about as we please;
We judge it will run of itself, you know,
And Sundays, we're just too tired, to go!

We are the Board of Absentees;
At business meetings our chance we seize
To tell exactly how things should be run,
But we do not lift a finger to get them done.

We are the Board of Absentees;
We like our golf in the morning breeze;
Of course the budget should all be paid,
"But privately now I'm in the red."

We are the Board of Absentees;
Men and women of all degrees;
"Shall we give up the church? O never, never!"
"Shall we go today?" Well scarcely ever!

We look for a world far better than this,
A world of peace and of moderate bliss,
A day of right through the Seven Seas—
Just now we're the Board of Absentees!

Selected

PERSONALS

Mr. Harry Olson remained at home Sunday on account of a cold.

News. There will be no supper in the church basement, Thursday, February 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. George Manch, Battle Road, are parents of a baby boy born January 31st.

"Bobby" Shakespeare of Munroe Falls returned to school Tuesday after a ten day seige with the flu.

Mrs. Hazel Mason, Mrs. C. C. Bush, Mrs. Roe and Mrs. Ida Hardy are reported on the sick list.

The River Road Club met on Thursday of this week at the home of Mrs. Joe Rapp. Special feature—a Valentine party.

The date for "Stunt Night" sponsored by Mrs. Wheeler's class has been set for Friday, February 28th. Place—High School Auditorium.

The Sewing Circle of Stow Council No. 192 D. of A. will meet February 12th at the home of Mrs. Chas. Meredith, Marhofer Ave.

Mrs. Ira G. Oyler, now living at Tuscon, Arizona, is reported to have stood the trip well. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Edward Somers, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Somers, Marria road, was absent last week from school on account of the flu while sister Carolyn was sick Sunday and unable to attend Bible School.

The choir should be commended for the beautiful anthem last Sunday morning, the theme, "Take It To The Lord In Prayer" was one that should thrill any Christian.

Mrs. Hazel Wheeler's Bible class meet this coming Saturday night at the C. M. Woodring home, 130 Thorndale Avenue. class member

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With an attendance of 103 percent Mr. Hall's class of young people won the banner again last Sunday. Birthdays celebrated were those of Mr. Ira G. Oyler, Miss Ruth Ridenour and Mr. L. C. Stein.

When you think of breakfast remember to buy Baughman's Pure Buckwheat flour and Favorite Wheat Hearts. (Adv.)

We were pleased to receive a copy this last week of the Inaugural number of the Evening Star of Washington, D. C. Presumably we have the Edward Sanners to thank for this, tho look as close as we could, we could not find their picture in the rotogravure section.

If you live in the suburbs have a suburban plumber with eighteen years suburban experience do your work. E. F. Kastens, 116 East Graham Road, Stow, Ohio. OV-8926.—(adv.)

Mrs. Lester Garver of West Arndale Road returned Monday from a week's stay at the People's Hospital where she was confined with a broken vertebra suffered in a fall at home. Luckily it is not necessary for her to be confined to a cast but rest at home for sometime is the doctor's orders.
Mrs. A. S. Phelps was pleasantly surprised last Sunday evening to receive a telephone call from her son, M. R. Phelps of Akron, who, with his wife and son Robert, had just arrived at the home of his brother, Dr. Kenton Phelps, in Houston, Texas. Dr. Phelps and his wife also talked and sent “hellos” to the rest of the Phelps family.

Please call OV-8618—Robert Imhoff in the Spaght Bldg., who finances NEW cars at $3.00 interest a year per $100.00. Loans up to 24 months. Used cars may be financed at 6 per cent. — (Adv.)

Park Board members, Monteith Isenman, and Perrine met last Sunday morning with Mr. Wagner, Director of the Akron Metropolitan Park System and took a walk thru the snow around Stow's twenty-two acre Adel Durbin Park.

It is expected that the work of putting the grounds of the park in condition, installing open air fire places etc., will be started ere long. This will probably be done by the N. Y. A. Stow people will then be able to picnic in their own park this summer.

For all your household paper needs see any of the ladies of Mrs. Weyricks group or call OV-8972. There will be a demonstration of these Household Paper Products given at the next business meeting and party of the Ladies Class of Stow Community Church. See them.

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THAT MOST IMPORTANT THING

What do you regard as most important? Toward what do you direct your major effort?

A young man was asked: "What are you doing now?" "I am in school." "What do you expect to do?" "I hope to graduate." "What then?" "I hope to have a home of my own." "What then?" "I hope to have a prosperous life." "What then?" "I suppose I will have to die like the rest of folks." "What then?" What then—he had no plans for eternity!

The little story which you have just read illustrates in a way some of the things we have been caused to think about recently. For instance, listed in no particular sequence and briefly summarized, some things toward which people direct their major efforts and apparently consider to be the most important are:

(1) To drive a good car.
(2) To keep a house spotless and well ordered.
(3) To maintain an immaculate personal appearance.
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(5) To get acquainted with and associate with (socially) the "right people."

(6) To possess children who do superior work in school and excel in school activities.

(7) Business, profession, position or job, which often take our best, even to the exclusion of practically all else.

(8) Hobbies. In place of riding our hobbies—the tables may be turned and—the hobby rides us.

(9) Church work—where the emphasis is placed on the work and not on the Spirit which should motivate our work in the church.

(10) Eating — always — three square meals per day. Sausage and hot cakes for breakfast, chicken for Sunday dinner, maybe you keep a cow or two, poultry, fruit garden, hogs to butcher in season, all demand your first consideration.

And so it goes. It is true that such things are of a certain value in this life. But here is what may happen. (1) The car gets wrecked, (2) the house decays, (3) clothes grow old, (4) moles ruin the lawn, (5) the "right people" prove to be a disappointment, (6) children grow up and leave home, (7) jobs evaporate, (8) hobbies grow tire-
some, (9) spiritless churches die, (10) the stomach rebels and (11) finally you die and the relatives fight over your estate (if you left one). Of what great importance then are these things?

Our conclusion:

To be in the right relationship with God and His plan for your life, both here and hereafter, is, ABOVE ALL, THE MOST IMPORTANT thing. This we know. For does not Christ say: "Labour not for the meat which perisheth but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of Man shall give unto you." John 6:27. And another place we read "Jesus saith unto them, my meat is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work." John 4:34. And again "As many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God." John 1:12.

So as Christians, as "Sons of God", as "joint heirs with Christ" (Rom. 8:17) in this—our life, IT IS IMPORTANT that "the will of the Lord be done." (Acts 21:14)

For a final word:

Then as we live the Christian life, the ratio of importance of worldly activities, to that of the spiritual, is as the length of a day, to that time called Eternity.

—H. J. S.